

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment amends the specification and the drawings to correct minor typographical and grammatical errors. New claims 24-29 have also been added to more particularly point out additional further aspects of the invention.

Information Disclosure Statement

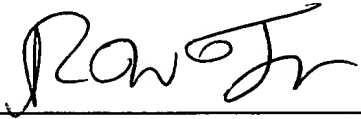
Applicants also attach forms PTO-1449 listing various documents. Copies of all but one of the listed documents (which is attached hereto) may be found in the file history of parent application serial no. 09/330,310. An additional copy of each document will be furnished upon request. Applicants request the Examiner to consider each of the listed documents in this case, and initial, date and return the forms PTO-1449 as an indication that these documents have been considered and officially cited.

Applicants await an early action on the merits. If the Examiner finds this case is not now in condition for allowance and believes that an interview prior to first action would be helpful in focussing and/or resolving issues, applicants request the Examiner to contact their representative at the telephone number listed below to arrange a telephonic or personal interview.

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